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SUBJECT: INITIAL INPUT FOR STANDARDS SUBROUP MEETING,
NOVEMBER 8-19

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1. THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO REFTEL REQUEST AND OFFERS
MTN DEL INITIAL INPUT FOR STANDARDS SUBGROUP MEETING.

2. US DEL CONTACTED PETER WILLIAMS OF THE GATT SECRE-
TARIAT TO DISCUSS SUBJECT MEETING. HE SAID GENERAL
FEELING AMONG THOSE DELS WITH WHOM HE HAS SPOKEN IS THAT
THIS MEETING IS NOT LIKELY TO BE PRODUCTIVE BECUASE OF
EC CONCERN THAT THE WORK IN THIS SUBGROUP IS WELL AHEAD
OF THE GROUP IN OTHER AREAS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT
WE SHOULD NOT GO TOO MUCH FARTHER ON THE STANDARDS CODE
UNTIL THERE IS COMPARABLE PROGRESS ELSEWHERE. FOR
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THIS REASON, ACCORDING TO WILLIAMS, THIS MEETING IS NOT

LIKELY TO GO BEYOND THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8-12.

3. GATT SECRETARIAT PROPOSES THAT THIS MEETING BEGIN WITH AN EXAMINATION OF THE SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE RATHER THAN WITH THE CODE DEFINITIONS. WILLIAMS BELIEVES THAT THE EC IS NOT WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON DEFINITIONS AT THIS TIME AND THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE THE ALREADY COMPLEX SITUATION SURROUNDING THE DEFINITIONS ISSUE. US MTN DEL SUGGESTS THAT WE GO ALONG WITH THIS PROCEDURE WHILE WORKING OUTSIDE OF THE MEETING TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH DELS OTHER THAN EC (E.G. CANADIANS AND JAPANESE) ON DEFINITIONS ISSUE. CANADA FAVORS HAVING SUCH A BILATERAL MEETING, AND DURING JULY BILATERAL ON DEFINITIONS, US AGREED TO MEETING WITH CANADA PRIOR TO THE NEXT STANDARDS SUBGROUP SESSION (PARA. 7, MTN 5745).

4. BERGHOLM OF FINLAND IS CONTINUING HIS EFFORTS TO PRODUCE USEFUL WORKING DOCUMENTS FOR THE STANDARDS SUBGROUP. AT THE MOMENT HE IS PREPARING TWO PAPERS. THE FIRST PAPER SETS OUT THE SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ECE AND HYPOTHESIS B DEFINITIONS. HIS OBJECTIVE IS TO FIND A COMPROMISE THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE EC AND THE NOR-DICS. THE SECOND PAPER WILL EXAMINE THE FULL SET OF CODE DEFINITIONS TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE ALL REALLY NECESSARY OR IF IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO DROP SOME OF THEM. BERGHOLM HOPES TO HAVE THESE TWO PAPERS AVAILABLE BY OCTOBER 10, BUT, IN ANY EVENT, PRIOR TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

5. THE GATT SECRETARIAT ALSO BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS WHAT WILLIAMS SEES AS A VALID AUSTRALIAN CONCERN IN REGARD TO PARAGRAPH THREE OF THE CODE. MTN DEL RECALLS THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE PAST, BUT THE "MUTATIS MUTANDIS" FORMULATION OFFERED AS A SOLUTION WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO JAPAN. PERHAPS A FULL DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE NOW. ALSO, US ANNOUNCED AT THE JANUARY MEETING THAT WE WOULD TRY TO DRAFT A TEXT FOR SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. US DEL BELIEVES THIS MEETING WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO FLOAT SUCH A PROPOSAL.

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6. THE GATT SECRETARIAT AND DOANLS PEYTON OF ANSI HAVE ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION TO AN ISO RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GATT WORK. THEY SUGGEST THAT THE ISO BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH GATT WORK ON THE CODE AND BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE UPCOMING MEETING IN A OBSERVER CAPACITY. THE GATT SECRETARIAT HAS NOT ENCOUNTERED ANY OPPOSITION TO THIS IDEA FROM OTHER DELS. IN ADDITION, AT LAST WEEK'S ISO COUNCIL MEETING,

THE COUNCIL REQUESTED THE ISO SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE AN ANALYSIS OF THE DRAFT GATT STANDARDS CODE VIS-A-VIS ISO'S ACTIVITIES. US DEL BELIEVES THAT COOPERATION OF ISO IN IMPLEMENTING CODE IS ESSENTIAL AND AGREES THAT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO FAMILIARIZE ISO WITH THE WORK. THE CCC PARTICIPATION IN THE CUSTOMS MATTERS SUBGROUP SHOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE PRECEDENCE. THE GATT SECRETARIAT SUGGESTS THAT IEC SHOULD ALSO BE INVITED BUT THAT, BECAUSE OF ITS REGIONAL NATURE, ECE NEED NOT BE APPROACHED.

7. IF MEETING GOES PER WILLIAMS SCENARIO, SUBGROUP MAY FINISH DISCUSSION ON STANDARDS TOPICS AND MOVE TO SUBJECT OF MARKS OF ORIGIN. US SHOULD BE PREPARED AT NEXT MEETING TO SUGGEST THAT THIS SUBJECT MORE PROPERLY BELONGS IN CUSTOMS MATTERS SUBGROUP AND TO PROPOSE THAT STANDARDS SUBGROUP REFER TOPIC TO NTM PARENT GROUP FOR TRANSMITTAL TO CUSTOMS MATTERS SUBGROUP.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS ON ABOVE THAT COULD BE COMMUNICATED TO GATT SECRETARIAT PRIOR TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING.CULBERT

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